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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT: Functioning of the CRITIC Reporting System

1. As Chairman of the Critical Communications Committee which developed the CRITIC Reporting System, I have become quite concerned that the CRITIC System is not carrying all of the critical intelligence being reported to Washington. In fact, the CRITIC System has been used very little in the past six weeks.

2. The Critical Communications Committee has discussed this problem at length, and feels that the CRITIC System is basically sound. It feels, however, that additional measures should be taken to brief field reporting personnel concerning the system. As one of the measures to improve this system, each agency agreed to ask its field inspectors to inquire into and clarify the functioning of the system during the course of visits to the field. I would appreciate it, therefore, if the members of your Staff would add this matter to their check list when visiting field stations.

3. I would be glad to discuss this matter in greater detail, with you and the members of your Staff who are planning to make inspection trips, if such additional discussions would be helpful.

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